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Applicant: TOYOSHIMA et al. Conf.: 9924
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SECOND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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August 16, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 15, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated August 11, 2004, the period for reply being extended two (2) months to August 15, 2004, the following secondary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Please amend the present application as follows:

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Second Reply to Office Action of August 11, 2004*

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.